

MINUTES
PARKS & TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 17, 2025, 5:00 P.M
111 Opera Street, Suite A

1) Roll Call of Committee Members

Committee Members present: Rick Dwyer, Robert Reddish, Larry Williams, and Kyle Clem. Excused: Samantha Christian, Julie Nix. Absent: Jerry Rephan. P&T staff present: Anthony Whittington, Kathleen Fason.

2) Approval of the Agenda

Larry made a motion to approve the April 17, 2025 agenda. Rick seconded. Motion carried unanimously

3) Approval of the Minutes

Robert made a motion to approve the February 13, 2025 minutes. Rick seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Introduction of Guests:

5) New Business

- a. **Welcome new members:** Their first official meeting will be in May.
- b. **Park Improvements Updates:** Anthony went over current updates on park projects.
- c. **HSCGT Update:** Anthony shared that the new restroom was installed on March 31 at the Jean White Wallace Wetlands Trailhead. The Tatum Street side of the approach still needs to be completed. There was some damage and undermining to the concrete along the new trail and at the Kayak and Canoe Launch during the recent flash flooding event. The Mentor sculpture has been installed by artist Michael Warrick. A contract has been signed with Rent.Fun to install and manage a Kayak Rental Station. It will be installed later this year. The department still hopes for an October dedication date.
- d. **Letter of Support – Stokes Creek Phase 3 TAP/RTP Grants:** Anthony shared the fact sheet that Hannah had typed up with the committee and went over it. Rick agreed to type up the letter of support for the committee. Since we are currently missing two committee members it was suggested that the four members who are currently in attendance sign the letter. Rick will email it to Kathleen and the others will come by and sign before the deadline. Anthony stated that a contact has been signed with the McLeod and Smitherman families for use of land for Stokes Creek Greenway Trail, Phase 3.
- e. **Upcoming Community Recreation Programs:** Kathleen explained what the survey is and why she and Hannah created it. Information gleaned from the survey answers will be used when writing grants for additional trail construction. All members were invited to go online and fill the survey out.

6) Parks & Trails Director Reports, Announcements, & Items for Discussion

- A rededication of Hollywood Park's Millennium Dreamer (Hollywood Dragon) sculpture was well attended by the public on Friday, April 11, 2025. Original artist Alice Guffey Miller was present. The

department also presented the new HSCGT Mile Markers, that were all hand painted by local artist Julie Williams except the Dragon mile marker which was hand painted by Alice Guffey Miller.

- Anthony explained that Stokes, Phase 1 groundbreaking will be on May 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

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- Larry shared that he had recently walked the trail at Baseball Trail Park, and it looked great!
- Bob asked how the dedication of The Visitor? Was it well attended and did everything run smooth? Anthony stated that the unveiling of The Visitor went very well, with over 100 people in attendance.

8) Adjournment:

The Parks and Trails Advisory Committee will hold their next regular meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.